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CENTRAL AND SOUTH PIMA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCILS

EARLY LITERACY AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION

FTF-MULTI-10-0010-00

FACT SHEET

WHAT IS THE INTENT OF THIS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY?

First Things First Central and South Pima Regional Partnership Councils are releasing a Request for Grant Applications for the implementation of Early Literacy and Language Development Programs.

Both the Central and South Pima Regional Partnership Councils have recognized the importance of early language development and literacy in the school readiness needs for children infant to five years of age. The *Quality First!* Rating System represents an important step for quality early care and education for young children; however, the Central and South Pima Regional Partnership Councils have also identified a need for additional early language and literacy development support for centers and homes participating in *Quality First!* within the Central and South Pima regions.

This funding is intended to establish new programs or allow existing literacy development programs to expand their services, allowing them to expand to target populations they do not currently serve, including the delivery of services to un-served or underserved geographic areas.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

Approximately \$78,500 is available in this Request for Grant Application from the Central Pima Regional Partnership Council and approximately \$62,900 from the South Pima Regional Partnership Council. Contract renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds. An Applicant may choose to apply for one Regional Partnership Council area or both.

The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be July 1, 2009 - to June 30, 2010.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

March 5, 2009	Notice of Intent/Fact Sheet available to the public
March 5, 2009	RFGA available on-line
March 10, 2009	Pre-application Conference City of Tucson Resource Center-Sentinel Building 320 N. Commerce Park Loop Tucson, AZ 85745 - 9-11am
April 17, 2009	Applications Due First Things First, 310 S. Williams Blvd. Ste. 106 Tucson, AZ 85711 - 9am
July 1, 2009	Anticipated grant awards made

HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA

Please visit the First Things First web site on or after March 5, 2009: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include FTF-MULTI-10-0010-00 in the subject line of the email or on the cover sheet of the fax.

Questions should be submitted to the Grants and Contracts Procurement Specialist via email at grants@azftf.gov or via fax at (602) 265-0009.